Wisconsin Demographics

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Wisconsin (2024)*

- Total foreign-born population – 327,033
- 5.5% of the state's ~ 5.9 million people are foreign born
  - 46.3% naturalized citizens
  - 30% legal permanent residents (as of 2023)*
  - 24% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 68.8% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2024
- Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
  - 38% entered before 1999
  - 21.0% entered 2000 - 2009
  - 41.5% since 2010
- 12.6% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
  - 85% of these children are native-born U.S. citizens

*Migration Policy Institute (MPI), Migration Data Hub, "State Immigration Data Profiles: Demographics," (April 2026).

Wisconsin – Countries/Regions of Origin & Limited English Proficiency (LEP)(2024)*

- Latin America – 42.8%
  - Mexico (27.4%)
  - South America (6.7%)
- Asia – 34.6%
  - Southeastern Asia (14.3%)
  - India (7.3%)
  - China/Taiwan (5.1%)
- Europe – 13.8%
  - Eastern Europe (7.2%)
- Africa – 6.3%
- Middle East – 2.7%
- Canada – 2.2%
- Oceania – 0.3%

- Language spoken
  - 9.6% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
  - 42.8% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than "very well"

*MPI Data Hub, "State Immigration Data Profiles: Demographics," (April 2026).

Wisconsin - Languages Spoken at Home (2024)*

- Spanish (296,785)
- Hmong (36,777)
- German (26,203)
- Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (17,977)
- Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch, or Other West Germanic Languages (13,145)
- Arabic (11,047)
- Tagalog (including Filipino) (9,202)
- French (including Cajun) (9,072)
- Hindi (8,047)
- Russian (7,425)
- Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (6,330)
- Polish (5,623)
- Tamil (5,459)
- Korean (4,673)
- Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (4,373)
- Italian (4,203)
- Vietnamese (3,586)
- Portuguese (2,370)

* MPI Data Hub, "State Immigration Data Profiles: Language and Education," (April 2026)

Wisconsin - LEP (2024)*

- Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
  - Naturalized citizens – 30.4%
  - Noncitizens – 53.6%
- Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
  - Vietnamese (42.3%)
  - Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (41.4%)
  - Spanish (39.7%)
  - Russian (38.6%)
  - Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages (38%)
  - Hmong (36.1%)
  - Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages (33.6)
  - Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch, or Other West Germanic Languages (32.1%)
  - Arabic (28.4%)
  - Polish (28.3%)
  - Tagalog (including Filipino) (26.6%)
  - German (22.8%)
  - Korean (21.2%)

* MPI Data Hub, "State Immigration Data Profiles: Language and Education," (April 2026).